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Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 11.

WE hear from Vienna, That the Emperor and King of Spain continue their utmost Application for ſtrengthening themſelves by Alliances, &c. 'Tis apprehended that the Project for raiſing the Forces of the laſt named Prince to 100,000 Men, is in effect by a Treaty which is ſaid to be near concluded between the Courts of Madrid and Petersburg. And 'tis inſinuated that a Deſign is forming in favour of the Pretender to make a Diverſion in caſe of a War; this is what we may ſay a natural Conjecture.

His Majeſty lay at Sittonburn on Saturday Night, having paſſed thro' Canterbury without any Stay, where we are informed the three Malefactors under Sentence of Death were expoſed to his View, as he paſſed thro' the City in order for Mercy, and that his Majeſty reſpited their Execution till further Orders. The next Day about nine in the Morning his Majeſty ſet out from Sittonburn, and arrived at Rocheſter about eleven. At his Entrance into the City he was received by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Formalities, and Mr. Marſh the Recorder made a Speech to his Majeſty, who when he came over againſt the College, was met by the Dean and Prebendaries, and the Reverend Dr. Claget their Dean, made alſo a Loyal Speech to his Majeſty, on whoſe Arrival laſt Sunday Night at St. James's, his Royal Highneſs went immediately thither to viſit his Majeſty. And Yeſterday Morning the Prime Miniſters of State, a great Number of Noblemen & other Perſons of Diſtinction repaired thither to compliment his Majeſty. The King made uſe of Sir William Aſhburnham's Coach to paſs from Rye to the River, which he was obliged to croſs, on the other Side of which was his own Coaches. 'Tis ſaid his Majeſty offered to confer Knighthood on Mr. Lamb the Mayor of Rye, but he excuſed accepting of that Honour. Some Thouſands of People came to Crawfoord during his Majeſty's Stay there, where the Inhabitants adorned the Outſide of their Houſes and Sign Poſts with Lawrels.

His Majeſty's Ship the Leopold, on board of which Sir John Norris hoiſted his Flag, and which could not get over the Bar at Helvoetſluys, is put into Portſmouth.

They write from Limmington in Hampſhire of the 8th Inſtant, that they have ſo many Bridges broken down by the Floods, That Travellers can't paſs the Roads on Horſeback, and now the froſty Weather obliges the Poſtmaſter to give 3 d. a Day every Poſt to go with the Letters on Foot.

Extract of a Letter from Lewes in Suſſex, Jan. 1.

There was a continued Rain the whole Day and Night following, the Wind E. N. E. blowing very ſtrong, cauſed a great Innundation, in ſo much that the Pariſh of St. Thomas in the Cliffe was flooded about two a clock next Morning, that large Boats might ſwim from Door to Door in the Street of the ſaid Pariſh, the Current being ſo rapid, Lewis Bridge was carryed away about five of the Clock the ſame Morning. Great Damages were ſuſtained by the Loſs of Salt, Grocery, Wine, Beer, Plank Timber, and many other Merchandices. Many Houſes were in imminent Danger, and ſome ſmall ones were demoliſhed. The ſaid Street was never flowed before ſince Memory, but once, which was the 14th of September 1672.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Jan. 13.

YEſterday arrived a Mail from France, with Letters from Paris of the 16th Inſtant adviſing, that an Arret of the Council was coming out, by which the Clergy are to be depriv'd of the Diſtribution of their own Taxes, which is to be made for the future by the King's Officers. That an exact Account has been given in of all the Eccleſiaſtical Revenues in the Kingdom, lyable to the Tax of 2 per Cent. It ſeems that the Poll Tax of the Citizens of Paris for the preſent Year, without including the Religious Societies, amounts to one Million. 'Tis added that the Marquis de Bretenel, Secretary at War, has by Orders of the King given Notice to all the Half Pay Officers who are in Paris, to repair forthwith to their ſeveral Provinces on Pain of loſing their Penſions.

They write from Vienna, that the Emperor under the preſent Poſture of Affairs, has his Eyes fixed upon moſt of the Courts in Europe, in order to bring ſuch of them into his Intereſt as he can poſſibly get; is to that End ſending a Miniſter to the Elector of Bavaria, and the Count de Harrach is upon his Departure for the Court of Turin, in order to bring the King of Sardinia to a thorough Reſolu-

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tion of acceding to the Treaty of Vienna, to which Purpoſe that Miniſter lately had a long Conference with Prince Eugene, at whoſe Houſe was alſo held a Grand Conference on the Subject of the Alliances with the Czarina; who 'tis ſaid offers the Emperor upon certain Conditions, amongſt the reſt, that of reſtoring the Duke of Holſtein to the Dutchy of Sleſwick now in Poſſeſſion of the Danes, to employ her Forces to his Imperial Majeſty's Service, and 'tis reported will likewiſe wave all her Pretenſions upon Poland, and back the Succeſſion to that Crown in favours of the Electoral Prince of Saxony, and that Count Koningseck the Imperial Miniſter at the Hague, ſtill uſes all the Means poſſible for diſſwading the States from entring into the Treaty of Hanover.

'Tis thought by theſe Proceedings, that the Emperor muſt be under ſome great Apprehenſions, but from whom we cannot conceive, for 'tis well known that his Britannick Majeſty is juſt and faithful to all Treaties he engages in; and as to that concluded betwixt him and the Crown of France, the ſame could not but be judged highly reaſonable and neceſſary for counterbalancing that made before, betwixt the Emperor and Spain, and with a View of preſerving the Peace of Europe.

There's to be a general Council this Night at St. James's, wherein 'tis ſuppoſed his Majeſty's Speech for opening the Parliament next Thurſday will be prepared.

They write from Glamorganſhire, that on the 5th Inſt. the River Agmore was ſo overflowed, that the Torrent carryed off all the Bridges, Sheep and Cattle that ſtood in its Way, and the Town of Bridgend had like to have been deſtroyed by the ſaid Torrent, which carryed off 120 Perches of its Wall to Lanthoddid, where no River was nigh, quite croſs the Road, to an adjacent Field. It alſo demoliſhed the Town of Abercaven, and the Bridge, and little elſe is ſeen there but Mud and Sand.

In the Pariſh of Pyle, an ancient Couple who had lived Man and Wife 60 Years, could make up between them 188 Years, were both found dead at the ſame Time, the Husband in the Garden, and the Wife in the Houſe. We hear from Dublin, that Hovenden Walker, who was an Admiral in the late Queen's Reign is dead. On Tueſday Night his Majeſty, Prince, Princeſs, and the young Princeſſes, were preſent at the Theatre Royal in the Hay Market, during the whole Performance of the Opera called Rodelinda. Rumours of War ſeem to increaſe. S. S. Stock is fallen to 114, and the reſt in Proportion. 'Tis ſtrange that they will not firſt ſee the King's Speech, before they ground their Belief upon the Poſture of Affairs abroad.

From the Evening Poſt, Jan. 13.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and two from Flanders.

Paris, Jan. 16. Letters from Nantes ſay, That 14 Cartuchians have been taken up there, and are bringing to this Capital, being ſuſpected of having been concerned in the Murder of ſome Engliſh Gentlemen, formerly committed on the Road between Calais and this City.

Madrid, Dec. 5. The Finances of this Monarchy were never in ſo good a State as at preſent.

Vienna, Jan. 2. Our Court and that of Petersburg do ſo warmly eſpouſe the Intereſt of the Royal Prince of Poland, that if the Grandees of that Kingdom would but ſhew a little Condeſcenſion to the *Diſſenters* of that Kingdom, 'tis very likely the Succeſſion would be ſettled on him in the enſuing Diet.

Hamburg, Jan. 11. Letters from Petersburg ſay, the Ottoman Army is got near Iſpahan, and their Janizaries have plundered the Suburbs of that Capital.

Turin, Jan. 27. The Princeſs of Piedmont is with Child.

Berlin, Jan. 10. Letters from Warſaw ſay, it has been propoſed to the King of Poland, by the Miniſter of a Proteſtant Prince, that either Commiſſioners may be appointed on both Sides for examining the Affair of Thorn, and other Grievances of the Proteſtants of Poland, and reſtoring Things as they were, conformable to the Treaty of Oliva, or refer it to the Mediation of ſome Important Powers, who ſhall alſo be pitched upon by Conſent of both Parties, upon which his Poliſh Majeſty anſwered, he would lay theſe Propoſals before the *Senatus Concilium*, which is to begin ſitting the 15th Inſtant.

Bruſſels, Jan. 16. The Garriſons of Oſtend and Fortſlick have been augmented.

London, Jan. 13. This Day at Noon, S. S. Stock was 115 3 8ths. S. S. Annuity 101 3 8ths. India 155. Bank 125. African 173 8ths. Yorkbuildings 19.

There is Advice that the Veſſel coming with the French Ambaſſador's Baggage for London, is caſt away.

This Day at Noon, there was a General Council holden at St. James's, when his Majeſty was pleaſed to appoint Sheriffs of Counties.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 15.

LEtters from Paris of the 19th ſay, That on the 13th at Night, a Fire broke out at *St.* Cloud, in the Houſe of the Secretary of the Navy, which conſumed the ſame, with his fine Library, and ſome of the Papers of his Office, beſides abundance of valuable Pictures, all the Houſhold Goods, part of his Silver Plate, ſo that the whole Loſs is computed at above 200000 Livres. By the Regulation which the King of Spain has ſent to the young Queen Dowager to be obſerved in her Family, none of her Maids of Honour are allowed to ſpeak to any *Stranger*, except in a Parlour made for that Purpoſe, and in Company of a Gentlewoman, neither are to ſee any Officer of the Court, unleſs it be to communicate the Queen's Orders to him, and that for the future, no Man ſhall lodge in their Galleries. Mean Time 'tis Pity, that his Catholick Majeſty who is ſo noted for Piety and Chaſtity, cannot yet be brought to a Reconciliation of the Difference which has happened between him and the Court of France, occaſioned by the ſending back his *Daughter* to Madrid, which there are great Grounds to fear, may be attended with very dangerous Conſequences; 'tis remarked that this *Step* of ſending back the Infanta proved the only Means of giving the Emperor an advantageous Peace with Spain, and that he has ſince proceeded in ſuch a high

high Manner, as if he were sure of bringing most of the Courts of Europe into his Measures.

But the great Wisdom and Power of his Britanick Majesty, and his glorious Allies, will be able no Doubt to baffle the Designs and Intrigues of their Enemies, and to preserve the Balance of Power in Europe.

A Loyal Address is sent up from Sandwich, to be presented to his Majesty by their Representatives, Sir George Oxenden, and Josiah Burchet Esq; congratulating his Majesty's safe Return, after so perilous a Passage.

We have an Account from Haverford West, in Wales, That on the 31st past, and 1st Inst. they had such hard Rains, that the River was filled with a violent Land Flood, in so much, that five large Arches of the Town Bridge, could not Discharge the Water which broke into the Street called Bridge Street, and had not the People got into their Chambers, abundance had been drowned. It ran so violent into the Street, that it was terrible to hear as well as see, and one Woman was carryed away out of the Street, and a Woman and a Child drowned in their Beds. In short the Water rose 12 Foot perpendicular; most of the Bridges in the Country were broke down, and many People drowned; and the King's Mills above the Bridge were destroyed.

They write from Newbury, That on the 4th Instant they had such a Flood, as that they had not seen the like in that Town for above 30 Years: The Water came down with such Force, that it blew up the Bridge which parts the new-cut River from the old one, which will cost 200 l.

The following Persons, attainted of High Treason in the first Year of the King's Reign, have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon, viz. Robert Stuart, Alexander Macdonald, John Grant, John Mackinven. Alexander Mackenzie, George Mackenzie, Roderick Chish Im, Rob. Campbell (*alias* Macgregor) commonly called *Rob Roy*, John Macdougal, and James Ogilvie, commonly called Lord Ogilvie.

We do not know what has possess'd the Minds of the People, for the Stocks fall daily more or less. South Sea was this Day at 112 *per Cent.* Bank, 121. India, 150; and the Bank pays in Silver.

We hear Writs are ordered to be made out, for calling up to the House of Peers the Rt. Hon. the Lord Dudley and Ward, and the Lord Howard of Effingham.

On the 4th Instant, the Hanover, Capt. Molineaux, from Liverpool to London, was lost near Dublin; as also the Badger, from Chester to London.

From the Post Boy, Jan. 15.

Hague, Jan. 16. The Ministers of France and several other Crown'd Heads at Stockholm, have been labouring to bring the Swedes into the Treaty of Hanover: But if what a certain Minister writes be true, the States of that Kingdom shew no Inclination to comply, bearing too much in Mind the Loss of Bremen and Wherden and Pomerania; and flattering themselves, that as Affairs now stand the Emperor will not grant the Investiture, and so they may sooner or later revert to their Crown.

From the Evening Post, Jan. 18.

Madrid, Dec. 25. There was lately delivered out of the Foundary at Mallaga, to the King's Magazine, 46 Pieces or Ordnance of several Sizes, which are shortly to be sent to Barcelona, Roses, and Fontarabia. The Fortifications of this last last Place will be much augmented next Spring. The Catalan Noblemen who reside in this City, are as much caressed at Court, and prefer'd to high Posts either Civil or Military, as those of other Provinces of the Monarchy, which favours are shewed them by Way of Complement to the Court of Vienna.

Hague, Jan. 15. We have Advice that most of the Grandees of Poland, oppose more than ever the Redress of the Grievances of the Protestants of that Kingdom, pursuant to the Tenor of the Treaty of Oliva; to which the favourble Disposition of the Czarina of Moscovy to conclude an Alliance with the Emperor and the Republick, did not a little contribute. And this News is confirmed by their Mightinesses Minister at Warsaw, who writs that he is not lookt upon now with so good an Eye as at his first Arrival; that Court and its Grandees smiling or frowning upon him, in Proportion, as they apprehend the Accession of this State to the Treaty of Hanover, nearer or farther off.

Portsmouth, Jan. 11. Two or three Vessels are going hence with Provisions for Gibraltar; which Garrison we hear is to be kept furnish'd with nine Months Victuals for 6 Regiments of Soldiers.

Edinburgh, Jan. 25. Last Week, Mr. Lockheart younger of Carnwath, was married to the Heiress of Cliftonhall.

An Account of the Death and Character of Dr. Patrick Urquhart, late Professor of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, having been insert in this News-paper on Tuesday January the 11th Instant; 'tis also thought proper to acquaint the Friends of that ancient Seminary of Learning, That his Chair is now most agreeably filled by DOCTOR JAMES GREGORY, an eminent Physician in Aberdeen. This Gentleman is only Son to the Famous Mr. James Gregory, who was Professor of Mathematicks, first at St. Andrew's, and thereafter at Edinburgh, and whose admirable Writings, yet extant, did justly entitle him to be ranked among the first and greatest Mathematicians. He died about 37 Years old, and left his Son, then a Child, to the Care of his elder Brother David Gregory of Kinnairdie, a Gentleman of great Reputation for his Probity and polite Learning, particularly his Skill in the Mathematicks and in Physick, and who had the Honour to see his Three Sons, eminent Professors of Mathematicks; the eldest, Dr. David, in the University of Oxford; Mr. James, his 2d Son, at Edinburgh; and Mr. Charles, his 3d Son, at St. Andrew's. His Nephew having the Happiness of so great a Tutor in his younger Years, and the Advantage of a liberal Education, did apply himself to the Study of Physick, first under his Uncle's Conduct, and afterwards at Paris and Utrecht with uncommon Success, to which his good Taste of the Mathematicks, that seemed natural to

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that Family, did exceedingly contribute. He received the Degree of DOCTOR in that Faculty at Rheims, in September 1698; and having finiſhed his Travels abroad, upon his Return to his own Country he ſettled at Aberdeen, where he practiſed, with great Applauſe and Succeſs, among Perſons of all Ranks in that City and County. His known Abilities in the Theory and Practice of Medicine, his polite Learning and diſtinguiſhing Zeal for our happy Conſtitution, both of Church and State, have juſtly recommended him a Perſon ſingularly fit for ſupplying the Place of the deceaſt Dr. Urquhart. He was unanimouſly elected, and preſented to that Chair by the Rector, the four *Procuratores Nationum*, and the Principal, Profeſſors and Maſters of the Univerſity, and duly admitted to the ſaid Office, conform to the fundamental Statutes and conſtant Practice of the Univerſity on ſuch Occaſions; and as he is now in the actual Exerciſe of his Office, ſo there is juſt Ground to hope, that through the Bleſſing of GOD, he will adorn that Chair, to the great Benefit of the Univerſity and Honour of his Country.

Yeſterday came on the Trial of Burnet, Napier, and Helen Hutton, for the Murder of Mr. Johnſton late Poſtmaſter of Haddington; and they having all three judicially acknowledged the Fact, the Jury are this Day to give in their Verdict.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†¶† There was lately loſt out of a Gentleman's Pocket, a principal Paper, viz. a ſigned Nomination of Tutors and Curators by a Gentleman lately deceaſed. If any Perſon can give Notice of it, ſo as it be got back, let them enquire at John Paton Bookſeller in the Parliament Cloſs, and they ſhall have a ſufficient Reward; it is of no uſe but to the Owner.

¶†¶ On the 8th *Day* of February next, at three a-clock in the Afternoon, there will be expoſed to *Sale* by Way of publick Roup at Muirhead's Coffee-houſe in Edinburgh, three *Shops*, and one Cellar or Houſe below them, having Vents, preſently poſſeſſed by Widow Johnſton, on the Fore-ſtreet, and Eaſt *Side* of Blackfriar Wynd. Whoever has a Mind to purchaſe them, may enquire about the Conditions of *Sale*, at *Sir* James *Dick*'s Houſe in the Lawn-Market, Edinburgh.

†¶† The Creditors of John *Scot* of HARDEN, for *Debts* contracted by him ſince or before his Majority (formerly advertiſed to meet on the 24th Inſt.) are deſired to meet by themſelves or *Doers*, with full Powers, on Friday the 4th February next, at 3 a-clock in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, in order to concert Meaſures for their Payment, and ſuch of the Creditors as have not already given in a Note of their *Debts* and Vouchers, are deſired to do it before the ſaid *Day*, to Andrew Alves Writer to the *Signet* at his Chamber, or any there preſent; with Certification, that the Creditors failing will be excluded from the Propoſals, and Rights to be made in Conſequence thereof.

†§† *Theſe are to give Notice, That the Truſtees and Managers of the Friendly Contribution, for Inſurance againſt Fire, have reſolved, That it ſhall be at the Option of all, who intend to enter into the ſaid Inſurance, to grant Bonds for their Capital Præmium, bearing Intereſt from Martinmaſs laſt* 1725, *or in the former Methods.*

¶ That the Lands of *Kirkland*, lying in the Pariſh of Bolton, and Conſtabulary of Haddington, paying of yearly Rent five Chalders Victual, half Oats, half Bear, beſides Kain and Carriages; and holding Feu of the Crown, for Payment of 7 Pounds 10 *Shillings Scots* of Feu-duty. As alſo, That the Lands of *Weſter Blanſe*, lying in the Pariſh of Salton, adjoining thereto, paying of yearly Rent ten Chalders of Victual, half Oats and half Bear, beſides Kain and Carriages, holding Feu of the Marquis of Tweeddale, for Payment of 20 Pounds 10 *Shillings Scots* of Feu-duty, with a Lime ſtone Quarrey, with a heretable Right of the Tiends. Are to be expoſed to a voluntar Roup, jointly or ſeparately, on Monday the 14th Day of February next, betwixt 3 and 5 a clock after Noon, in the Back Room of John's Coffee-houſe. The Rights of the Lands are to be ſeen in the Hands of Mr. William Alexander, Writer, at his Houſe within the Head of Marlin's Wynd, Edinburgh.

†*† That on Friday-night the 14th Inſtant, there was ſtoln out of the Stable of *David Scot* Tenant in Scotſtarvit, within a Mile of Cowpar in Fife, a BLUE GRAY HORSE, cut-tail'd, hollow above the Eyes, about Nine Years old; and likewiſe a SOAR'D HORSE, with a Bell on his Brow, and a Ratch down his Noſe, his nearer Leg, on the Tip, white, Hairs and white Hairs about his Neck, diſh-fac'd, with a white Spot behind his Mane on his Shoulder. Whoever ſhall give Notice of the ſaids two Horſes to the ſaid David *Scot*, or to the Author of this Paper, or to Patrick Crombie Poſtmaſter in Cowpar of Fife, ſo as they may be got agian, ſhall be ſufficiently rewarded.

¶ That upon the 27th Inſtant, there will be expoſed to a voluntar Roup and Sale, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, the Houſe and Gardens belonging to the Society of Gardners in the Shire of Mid Lothian, preſently poſſeſt by Widow Liddle, lying to the South of the principal Houſe, Hall and Gardens of the ſaid Society, and conſiſting of an Acre and an Half, fourteen Feills and three Ells of incloſed Garden-Ground, very well furniſhed with Trees, Buſhes, and other Things either fit for Gentleman or Gardner, having a *Draw* well of good Water belonging thereto, and very convenient for any who intend to make further Improvement by building, fronting to Foul-Bridge-Street, forty four Ells to the Eaſt, and fifty Ells to the Weſt of the ſaid Houſe. The Progreſs of Writs, and Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Gilbert Clark Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the ſaid Society, either at his Writing-chamber the uppermoſt Stair on the South-ſide of the Luckenbooths, or at Muirhead's Coffee houſe.

¶*¶ The Lands and Eſtate of GRAITNEY, which were to have been Rouped the 7th of January Inſt. is Prorogate to the Fourth Day of February 1726: when the ſame will be expoſed to Sale, betwixt the Hours of three and four in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Progreſs of Writs and Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Mr. James Baillie, Writer to to the Signet, at his Writing chamber above the Exchange Coffee-houſe.

Thomas Ruddiman Sold at the Printing-houſe in Moroc-